TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1100.

Monday, the 10th August, 1925.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty of the Clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Press Committee.

70. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information :

(i) the date of the appointment of the Press Committee ;

(ii) the date of submission of their Report ; and

(iii) the date on which final orders were passed by the Government ?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to state whether they are in receipt of the nomination papers on the re-organisation of the Press and, if so, when ?

(*c*) Have the Government passed orders thereon ?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there has been inordinate delay in the disposal of papers regarding the Government Press ? If so, what was the cause ?

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MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) The Press Committee was appointed on the 13th April, 1923.

(ii) 14th August, 1923.

(iii) 6th May, 1925.

(*b*) Yes; on the 29th May, 1925.

(*c*) The nomination papers are being scrutinised.

(*d*) There has been no avoidable delay in the disposal of papers relating to the Government Press.

Press Committee.

71. **MR. R. PADMANABHAN** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information:

(i) the date of the appointment of the Press Committee;

(ii) the date of submission of their Report; and

(iii) the date on which final orders were passed by the Government?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to state whether they are in receipt of the nomination papers on the reorganisation of the Press, and, if so, when?

(*c*) Have the Government passed orders thereon?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*c*). The member is referred to the answers to parts (*a*) to (*c*) of question No. 70.

MR. R. PADMANABHAN (*Nominated*): When was the post of the Assistant Superintendent of the Government Press abolished?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It was abolished only this year.

MR. R. PADMANABHAN (*Nominated*): To what post was the person who was employed as the Assistant Superintendent transferred?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): He was transferred to the Stationery Department.

MR. R. PADMANABHAN (*Nominated*): Is it a temporary or a permanent post?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a permanent one.

Grievances of the Piece-work Compositors in the Government Press.

72. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (*a*) Are the Government aware of the serious discontent that prevails among the piece-work compositors of the Government Press, due to the hardship they are experiencing for the past several years?

(*b*) Are they aware that there are two kinds of employees among the piece-workers do ng similar work?

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